

and under the majority report \$118,000 per annum, and he did not think that system would be worth the additional expense.

The substitute of Mr. Archer was then rejected by a vote of 66 to 33.

Several members gave as a reason for voting against the substitute the fact of the salaries being placed at \$4,000, which they thought was too high, but at the same time expressed themselves in favor of an independent Court of Appeals.

Mr. Archer then renewed his amendment, leaving the salaries blank, to be filled up afterwards at the judgment of the Convention.

The substitute was again rejected—36 ayes to 58 nays.

Mr. Dobbin said it now seemed manifest that the Convention was decided on the three-judge system and for an independent Court of Appeals. Baltimore city must have the one-judge system, no matter what was selected for the counties. Each judge in the city would be occupied the whole year with the business of their own courts, and would have no time to attend to appellate duty. He had an amendment to offer to meet this, providing for an election in the city of Baltimore for one judge of the Court of Appeals, who shall have no other duty to perform.

Mr. Gill offered an amendment to the amendment that he shall perform such other duties as the Legislature may prescribe, which was accepted by Mr. Dobbin, and the amendment was then agreed to.

No further amendment being proposed, sections 15 and 16 were read and passed over without amendment.

Section 17, providing that the Court of Appeals shall appoint its own clerk, was read.

Mr. McCormick moved to amend by providing that the clerk shall be elected by the people, which, after some discussion, was adopted by a vote of 51 to 47.

Mr. Alvey offered an additional section making it the duty of the Court of Appeals to prescribe the rules of practice in said court, &c., so as to insure brevity and dispatch of business.